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Calls reiterated for work on A4130 to be completed

WAIT GOES ON

RESIDENTS who live along the Abingdon Road will have to continue waiting for the extension of the A4130, despite continuous calls for its completion.

Lorries and HGVs currently travel between Marsh Bridge roundabout and the A4130 Northern Perimeter Road to access the A34.

When the A34 was upgraded in the 1970s, the A-road was extended north from Rowstock to what is now Milton Interchange.

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A few years later, a link road was built between Milton Heights and Didcot.

However, completion of the road eastward to Hadden Hill and Wallingford seems dependent on plans to build 642 homes at Ladygrove East.

Cllr Neville Harris, who represents Ladygrove on Oxfordshire County Council, says there is an "established need" for the A4130's completion.

"For years we have been waiting for this short section of the Northern Perimeter Road to be completed, but today we are no further forward despite countless protests and a clearly identified and established need," he said.

"This section of the B4106 carries heavy traffic, east and west, to and from the A34, including heavy lorries diverted away from the town centre.

"The road lacks safety infrastructure and the traffic leads to delays for residents entering or leaving the Ladygrove development which is notorious for its already restricted access."

Despite no definite plans, the county council says extending the A4130 remains an ambition.

Communications officer Martin Crabtree said: "The county council has an ambition to extend the A4130 and is currently in the process of developing a scheme.

"At this stage it is not possible to say when such a scheme will be implemented.

"The delivery is likely to be directly linked to the proposed Ladygrove East development."

He added: "We are keen to see it happen to improve the existing situation and support new development proposed within Didcot, and we will be seeking developer contributions towards it."

However, South Oxfordshire District Council says work at Ladygrove East, an allocated housing site, may not begin for another three years.

Senior communications officer Andy Roberts said: "There is a lot of work involved in bringing sites like this forward, including the purchase of land.

"Our original estimates set out in our Core Strategy suggested the first houses could be built by 2017.

"Although there is still some work to do if that timetable can be met."

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Alzheimer's: link found to infection

EXPERTS believe that people with Alzheimer's who have chest and urine infections are more likely to suffer a faster decline in memory.

At a conference held in Oxford last week, researchers presented findings suggesting that inflammation in the brain, caused by systemic infections, could drive the development of Alzheimer's.

The team of researchers from the University of Southampton, led by Prof Hugh Perry, has been studying inflammation in mice that develop a neurodegenerative disease similar to Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) in humans.

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Findings show that immune cells in the brain respond as a defence mechanism against progressive damage to nerve cells.

If the mice have a systemic infection at the same time, the immune cells switch roles, increasing the levels of pro-inflammatory molecules in the brain.

"The findings mirror what we are observing in people with Alzheimer's disease in the clinic," said Prof Perry.

"We have found evidence that people with Alzheimer's who have systemic infections, such as chest or urine infections, are more likely to have faster decline in memory and thinking and more severe symptoms than this."

Prof Perry added: "If this process is key to driving diseases like Alzheimer's, then keeping it in check could be a way to slow down the disease in people."

Dr Eric Karran, head of Research at Alzheimer's Research UK, added that the need for effective treatments has never been greater.

"It is promising to see that observations made in the clinic are being following up with more detailed molecular analysis," he said.

"We hope that further research will pinpoint culprit proteins involved in inflammation that could be used as a target for treatment development.

"With half a million people in the UK living with Alzheimer's, the need for effective treatments has never been greater."

Improve the experience of students

THE winners of an Oxford Brookes competition to improve the student experience by creating apps have been chosen, and will be made available on the university's website.

This year's competition follows a similar contest that ran in 2012, and was open to students, staff and to those at Brookes' Associate College Partner institutions.

Teena Bowes' word count app, Jaymi Patel's library catalogue app, Kate Ringham's app for booking office hours, Fabrizio Rossi's assignment calendar app, Miguel Vilares' Brookes social network app and Tom Wilford's question app for lectures were selected as this year's winning entries.

The winning apps were chosen by Professor John Raftery, pro vice-chancellor for student experience.

He said: "This competition gave our students and staff the opportunity to create apps that will truly benefit the community at Oxford Brookes.

"Giving students that chance makes sense as they're the ones with first-hand experience of what it's like studying here.

"Many great ideas were submitted this year and choosing the winners was a challenge, but once developed we'll have some apps that will really improve the experience of students."

To see the apps already available, go to www.obis.brookes.ac.uk/mobile/index.

• *Professor Raftery with the six competition winners*

Driver caught doing 84mph in 30mph zone

A MAN who was caught driving at 84mph in a 30mph zone in thick fog during the morning rush hour has been banned from driving for 12 months and ordered to carry out 200 hours of unpaid work.

Edward Henbrow, 29, of The Green, Horspath, was caught by police driving at excessive speed on Cuddesdon Road, Horspath, on January 21 this year,

He pleaded guilty to dangerous driving at Oxford Magistrates' Court on February 28, and was sentenced on March 21 at the same court.

On top of the driving ban and unpaid work, Henbrow was also ordered to pay £85 costs and a £60 victim surcharge.

Investigating officer PC Steve Moses said: "This sort of driving will not be tolerated on our roads and Thames Valley Police will seek prosecution of any drivers who flout the law.

"It was by pure luck that someone was not seriously injured or killed during this incident, especially when you bear in mind the poor weather conditions, location, time of day and the speed involved."

New CCP is appointed

THE Crown Prosecution Service in Thames and Chiltern has appointed a new Chief Crown Prosecutor (CCP) to cover Oxfordshire and four other counties.

Adrian Foster started in the role earlier this year, while the previous CCP Baljit Ubhey OBE has moved into the same position in London.

Qualifying as a barrister and beginning work as a legal trainee in 1993, Adrian went on to prosecute in Marylebone and West London before leading the Blackfriars Crown Court Team. He moved to Gloucestershire in 2002 as Head of the Trials Unit, becoming the area's CCP in 2006.

"I feel greatly privileged to have been appointed to lead CPS Thames and Chiltern," said Adrian. "I joined the CPS as a legal trainee 20 years ago because I wanted to make decisions that would deliver justice, and I'll be doing just that as I oversee prosecutions across the area. The work we do is tremendously important to safeguarding our communities by ensuring that the right defendant is prosecuted for the right offence at the right time. We are there to make sure that every victim or witness has the confidence and support to give their very best evidence to the court."

Defence accolade for Didcot military charity

A DIDCOT charity which offers vital support to military personnel has received an award from the Ministry of Defence.

The Felix Fund supports soldiers from 11 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Regiment and their families.

The Bomb Disposal Charity was awarded a Commendation from the Chief of The Defence Staff, the professional head of the British Armed Forces, last week.

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In a ceremony at the MOD's Main Building in Whitehall, Holly Davies, Felix Fund's Chief Executive, collected the award.

The commendation recognises "outstanding support and commitment of a rare and exceptionally high standard by non-military individuals or organisations to the Armed Forces community."

After becoming one of only two charities to receive such a commendation since the inaugural awards in 2012, Ms Davies was delighted to accept the recognition.

"Everyone at Felix Fund is thrilled," she said. "It's very reassuring to have formal confirmation that our work for the military bomb disposal community has been good and useful."

Chief of the Defence Staff, General Sir Nick Houghton, was full of praise for the charity, which was founded in 2011.

"Felix Fund is a charity that significantly improves the lives of soldiers returning from operations through the generous provision of breaks, grants and peer support," he said.

"Their work wholly complements our own efforts and is worthy of special recognition."

Felix Fund raises money to fund therapeutic normalisation breaks to help bomb disposal teams readjust to life in the UK after serving in Afghanistan.

A hardship fund has also been set up to support injured and bereaved soldiers and their families.

Last year the charity was awarded an £85,000 grant from the Armed Forces Covenant LIBOR Fund to provide normalisation breaks for Advanced Search teams returning from Afghanistan.

The Italian Job up and running at Harwell

ITALIAN Ambassador, His Excellency Pasquale Terracciano met some of his fellow countrymen during a visit to the Diamond Light Source.

The Ambassador met 20 of Diamond's Italian staff as well as a number of other scientists across the Harwell Science and Innovation Campus.

Mr Teracciano met Giannantonio Cibin, senior beamline scientist, who explained the process behind preserving the Tudor warship, the Mary Rose.

Meanwhile, principal beamline scientist Gianfelice Cinque spoke about novel infrared techniques for cancer research.

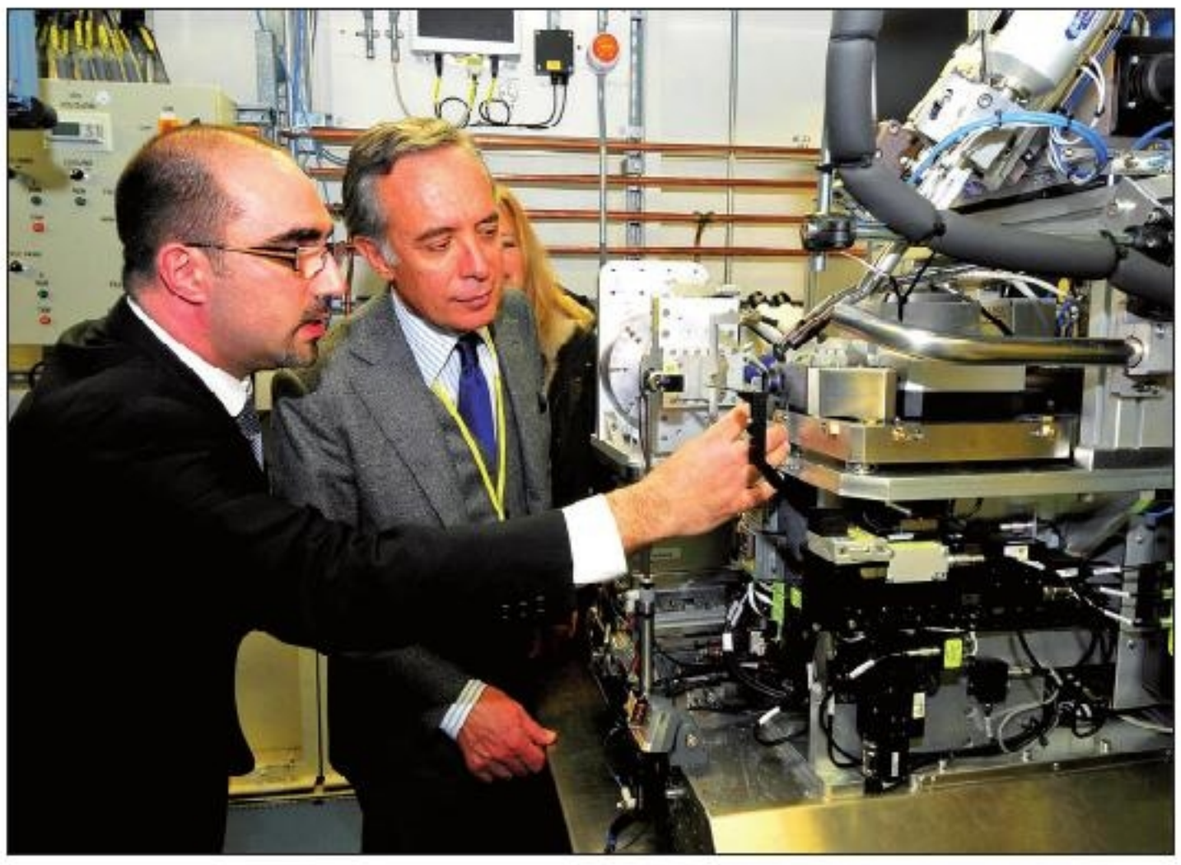
The Ambassador also heard from Giuliano Siligardi, principal beamline scientist, about developments in Parkinson's research.

Post doctoral researcher Marco Mazzorana also spoke about the development of a new vaccine for foot and mouth disease.

Mr Terracciano said: "I'm proud to find such an important contribution by Italian scientists and technology to this very important research centre."

Andrew Harrison, Diamond's CEO, added: "Our success depends crucially upon attracting the very best scientists to come and work here, amongst whom are many eminent Italian scientists.

"We look forward to an ever brighter future in which Italian scientists continue to play a big role."



• *Scientist Giannantonio Cibin (left) with Pasquale Terracciano at the Harwell campus*

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Pooh Sticks set to return

THE annual World Pooh Sticks Championships returns for its 31st year this Sunday.

Team registration is still open and you can enter by visiting www.pooh-sticks.com. Meanwhile, as it will be Mother's Day, mums can enter the individual championships for free.

Tech support

SOHA residents in Didcot can hone their computer skills at free sessions as of Monday.

During next week, Soha is running a campaign to help beginners have a go at using computers while people can also improve their skills.

The free sessions will take place across Oxfordshire and are bookable through Lynn Wignall on 01235 515900.

Musicians are wanted

STEPHEN Freeman Community Primary School is looking for budding musicians to perform at this year's festival.

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Sex assault

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At around 2am, the woman was assaulted by a man in the Plush Lounge, Park End Street, when he touched her inappropriately and then struck her seven times on the face and head.

The offender had olive skin, dark hair, and was around 5ft 7ins tall.

Designated investigator Nhlalo Skosana, from Oxford CID, said: "This incident took place in the dance floor and so people would have seen the female being attacked."

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Pledges reach $250m after only four years

AN OXFORD-BASED society has reached $250million in pledges after just four years, which will be used to help end global poverty.

Giving What We Can encourages people to donate at least 10 per cent of their income to carefully chosen charities that work towards relieving suffering in the developing world.

It was founded in December 2009 by Dr Toby Ord, a research fellow in the Oxford Martin School, and boasts over 450 members.

A major donation of $75million was recently made by American philanthropist Jim Greenbaum, which helped the society reach this latest milestone.

Dr Ord said: "I'm delighted that Jim Greenbaum has chosen to make this pledge, and it's fantastic that so many others have also donated to some of the world's most effective charities.

"Giving What We Can received a considerable amount of media attention in early 2013, and since then we have expanded our membership, staff, and reached a number of important milestones.

"We have received several major donations to help with the running of Giving What We Can, including £90,000 from art dealer Fred Mulder and £120,000 over the next three years from financier Luke Ding."

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The charity is part of the Centre for Effective Altruism, a social movement that applies evidence and reason to working out the most effective ways to improve the world.

Mr Greenbaum first heard about effective altruism during a talk by moral philosopher Peter Singer, which encouraged him to make the donation.

He said: "I realised for the first time that the approach I had been taking towards philanthropy had a name, and that I should be trying to encourage more effective altruism.

"The reason I decided to make my pledge to Giving What We Can was simple.

"For 15 years I had already been doing what they were suggesting, and I wanted to encourage others to make similar pledges."

Austen literacy foundation

A DESCENDANT of author Jane Austen is launching a literacy foundation in Oxford next month, in collaboration with the World Literacy Summit 2014.

Caroline Jane Knight, the last of the Austen family to be born and raised in Jane's former home of Chawton, Hampshire, will host the foundation's first event in the Holywell Music Room on April 16.

She will share anecdotes, family photos and private artefacts from Chawton during the evening, to give an insight into her relationship with her famous great aunt.

"I am so proud of my great aunt Jane and her enduring legacy," said Caroline. "I am delighted to be establishing a foundation in her honour."

Tickets cost £24, and the event starts at 10.30am.

PM runs for Sport Relief

PRIME Minister David Cameron, his wife Samantha and their children were among the hundreds of runners completing the Sport Relief Mile at Cutteslowe Park in Oxford on Sunday.

They joined in with around one million others across the country to raise money for poor and vulnerable people in the UK and worldwide.

Mr Cameron said: "Sport Relief brings together some of the best things about Britain.

"This is the third time I have run the Sport Relief mile and I am delighted to have taken part in such a fantastic event that is bringing people across the UK together to get active, raise money and change lives."

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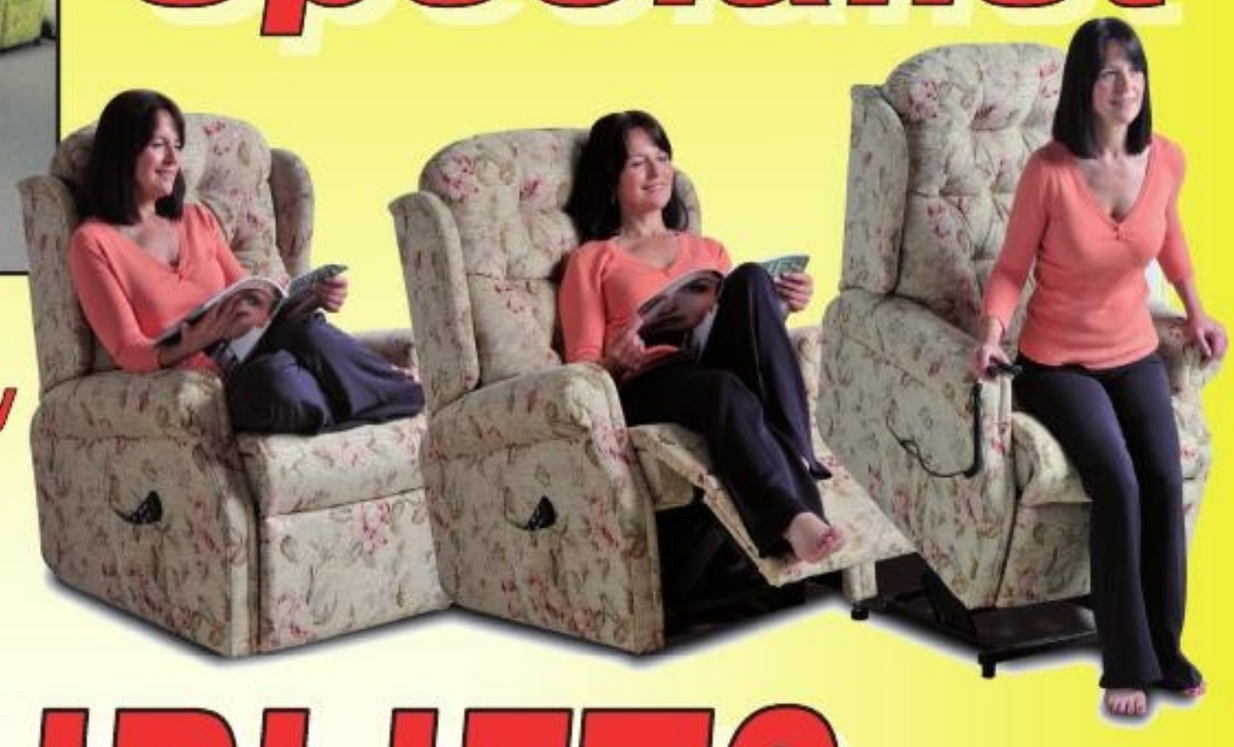

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Backlash to county floods

MORE than half of Oxfordshire residents were not satisfied with the response to the floods, according to a Climate Coalition survey.

The coalition, made up of Oxfam, the RSPB, Christian Aid, Greenpeace, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development (CAFOD) and Friends of the Earth, released the figures following a demonstration in London last week.

According to the survey, 54 per cent of people in the county were unhappy with the response to the floods, and only 15 per cent think the government did enough to limit climate change.

Luke Gibson, 24, is a charity worker from Oxford whose home was inundated by the floods earlier this year.

He said: "For two weeks, my house in Oxford turned into an island surrounded by two feet of water.

"It took me 15 minutes to walk out 100 yards, wading through knee-high water and debris to get to and from work every day.

"Then the flood water got mixed with sewage, making leaving the house extremely unpleasant, and the constant battle to stack sandbags higher and higher soon took its toll.

"You often hear how climate change is already impacting the lives of people in poorer countries, my experience

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really brought home what it could mean to me, living in the UK."

The release of the survey coincided with a flood summit being held by Oxfordshire politicians last Friday to discuss how to deal with flooding in the future.

At last week's flood summit, around 40 politicians gave their backing to the creation of a Western Conveyance Channel to take water away from Oxford.

Cllr Rodney Rose, deputy leader of Oxfordshire County Council, said: "I am confident that the channel would greatly reduce the risk of flooding in Oxford, and the knock on impact on the wider Oxfordshire economy.

"The main issue is cost, and I needed to be convinced that the benefits justify the price tag.

"But if we don't back it now, there may not be a chance for several years and who knows what funding will be available then.

"There will need to be a local commitment but a large chunk of the money will need to come from government and national sources."

Large fine for landlord of shabby house

AN OXFORD landlord has been fined over £6,000 after city council officers found his property in a poor state of repair.

William Edwards failed to attend Oxford Magistrates Court last week, where he was fined in his absence.

Edwards applied for his Dene Road property to be a House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) last April but the council declined, saying he was considered not to be a fit and proper person.

After entering the property, officers found the smoke alarm was not in working order, there was no staircase handrail and two ground floor windows had rotted, among other contraventions.

Officers have also never received a copy of the electrical installation or gas safety certificate.

Edwards was fined £1,000 for failing to licence a HMO, £5,000 for the defects, £100 victim surcharge and £350 in costs.

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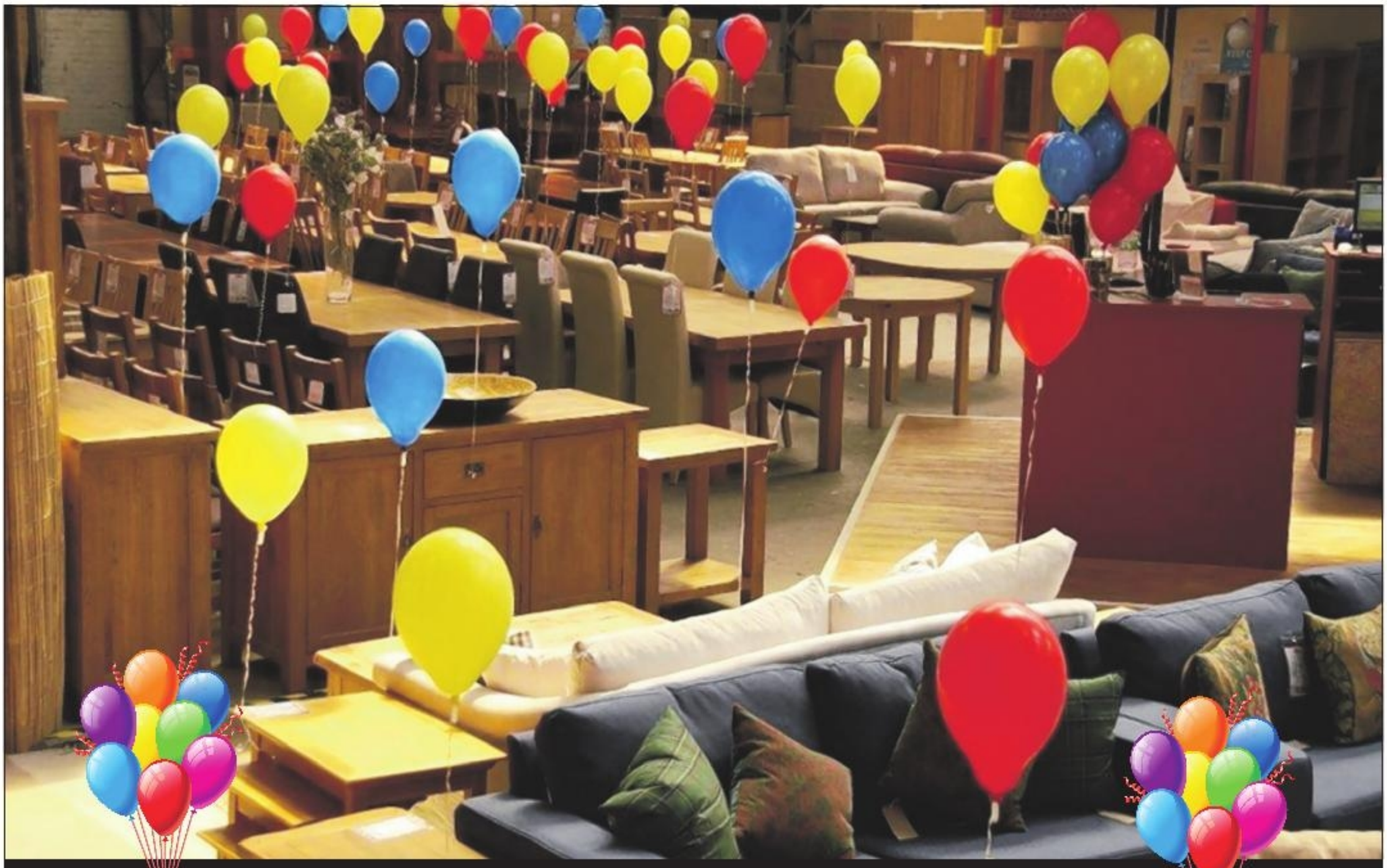

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Oxford parents serve up a treat

PARENTS from South Oxford who have compiled a community cookbook are now raising funds for 750 copies to be published and sold in the area.

The 'Eat Me!' cookbook has been written by parents who were shocked to hear of a British Nutrition Foundation report that stated 29 per cent of primary school children thought that cheese came from plants.

As a result, the proceeds of the cookbook will be used to fund food education projects at Lake Street Playgroup, Grandpoint Nursery School, and New Hinksey and St Ebbe's Primary Schools.

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Oxford-based businesses Café Loco and Environmental Resources Management (ERM) have already contributed, and the parents are now calling for more to help.

Phoebe Hart, one of the 'Eat Me!' team, said: "We are delighted with the support we have received from Café Loco and ERM which makes the project really viable.

"We are now looking for other local businesses to get involved and help reach our target to ensure we are printed and ready to go for the first Spring Fair at Lake Street Playgroup in May.

"Each of the settings has a wish list of projects they would like to run with the money we raise, including re-connecting children with where their food comes from and teaching about the importance of reducing food waste.

"We simply can't let them down."

Eighty recipes have been chosen to feature in the cookbook, which aims to reflect the cultural diversity of the city through its tagline: "A culinary journey through South Oxford."

It has been complied through word of mouth, with the parents being able to source professional illustrators, editors and photographers who were happy to help with its production.

To ensure the cookbooks will be ready for May, the group needs all donations to be made by April 28. For more information about contributing to the cookbook, email Phoebe Hart at eatmeoxford@gmail.com.

Councillor's Column

Cllr Bob Price
Leader of Oxford City Council

Budget 'hitting the taxpayer hard'

THE main aim of George Osborne's budget last week was to avoid the disasters of his pasty tax, his granny tax and his swingeing increase in VAT to 20 per cent - all hitting the average taxpayer hard and leading to the boos with which he was greeted at an Olympic medals ceremony in 2012.

Instead, we got a budget that avoided all the realities of the country's real economic plight.

The Coalition Government has hit ordinary people hard in his Austerity Crusade. On average, households will be £750 worse off in real terms in 2015 than they were in 2010. But bankers bonuses are on the rise again and people earning over £15,000 per year have had their tax rates cut.

Austerity has failed the country – we will be borrowing £108billion this year, which is twice the forecasted figure, and the Treasury admits that the country is facing five more years of cuts and misery for the public services like health and education that we all rely on. Even the government's own forecasters say that they will borrow £180billion more than planned.

The much vaunted economic 'recovery' has not even got the country back to where it was in 2008 when the global banking crisis struck. This is the slowest 'recovery' for over a century, entirely due to the failure of the government to promote economic growth and to depend on cuts.

Instead of policies to stimulate balanced growth, Osborne is relying on reflating the house price 'bubble' that undermined the economy in the run up to the Recession – extending the subsidies for house buyers and releasing pension 'pots' into the housing market will push up house prices and take young first time buyers even further out of the range of affordable housing.

In the run up to the General Election, this budget was meant to be bland enough to make voters forget the 24 tax rises of George Osborne's period in the Treasury and, of course, there was a meaningless bit of window dressing in the 0.3 per cent reduction in the cost of a pint of beer. Only a very thirsty beer drinker could be happy!

The Labour Government in 2015 will freeze energy prices for two years and reform the energy monopolies, establish a 10p tax band, and launch a housing boom with 200,000 new homes a year by 2020. In the place of the Osborne's 'recovery' for the bankers, Labour will work for a genuine balanced growth and a recovery for everyone.

News Bites

Recycling

OXFORDSHIRE'S household waste recycling centres have an overall satisfaction rating of 92 per cent, according to figures released by the county council.

More than 2,400 people took part in the survey, which also said that the proportion of people who were satisfied or very satisfied with the service they received was nearly 70 per cent.

Cllr David Nimmo-Smith said: "It is great to know that the people who use these facilities regard them so highly."

Mapping China

SOME of Oxford University's Chinese treasures have gone on show at the Hong Kong Maritime Museum.

An exhibition called 'Mapping Ming China's Maritime World – The Selden Map and Other Treasures from the University of Oxford' will run until June 23.

The Selden Map will be one of a number of items on display from the Bodleian Libraries and the Ashmolean Museum.

It is the earliest known map showing shipping routes linking Ming-era China with markets in South East Asia and beyond.

Meanwhile, more than 270 Oxford alumni from across the Asia-Pacific region travelled to Hong Kong at the end of last week to mark the inaugural 'Meeting Minds: Alumni Weekend in Asia'.

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Gun discovery

A MAN discovered a hand gun while walking through woodland in Nettlebed on March 16.

While out with his metal detector, he dug up a box which contained a fire arm and live ammunition.

Police are currently carrying out tests on the weapon.

Sport sessions in West Oxon

YOUNG people aged between 11 and 25-years-old are now able to take part in free sport sessions.

West Oxfordshire District Council has organised cardio tennis in Eynsham and skateboarding sessions in Long Hanborough.

For more information about the sessions, contact Jenny Bennett on 01993 861164.

Snooker night

CLLR Peter Lambert, Mayor of Thame, is hosting a snooker night this evening.

From 7pm, the Mayor's Charity Snooker Open will be open to players of all abilities.

Entry is £5, with proceeds going to SAFARI and Thame Players.

The tournament is at Thame's Snooker Club.

Specialist school set to open later this year

A SCHOOL dedicated to young people with autism is set to open on the outskirts of Oxford.

LVS (Licensed Victuallers' School) Oxford, which will be based at Begbroke Priory, will be open to students in September this year.

The converted priory will provide daily and weekly boarding, with a Monday to Friday residential option.

LVS Oxford will become the Licensed Trade Charity's second specialist school after the success of LVS Hassocks in Surrey.

Sarah Sherwood, director of Special Education Needs, says LVS Oxford is designed to give 11 to 19-year-olds on the autism spectrum a platform for the future.

"The ethos is education for employability, so our learners are able to take up employment when they leave us or go on to further education," she explained.

"We will broadly follow the national curriculum.

"At 14, we work with the learners, their families and the education authorities, and look at what we think that young person's pathway is going to be in

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to adulthood.

"We then get the appropriate courses in place."

The school will have an IT suite, library, and a teaching kitchen to support an NVQ in catering.

Fees per annum are set at £37,500 for daily boarding and £57,600 for residential.

Ms Sherwood explained that if a student has a statement of special educational needs, the fees will be paid for by the local authority.

"The local authority, usually, funds [the school fees] 100 per cent," she said.

"We do have some parents at the moment who are able to pay the fees but it is outside the remit of many families."

The fees pay for the ability to have small classes of eight students, with a teacher and learning support assistant.

LVS Oxford will also use a speech and language therapist, occupational therapist, specialist teachers and have the ability to support specific dietary requirements.

Stamp of approval for 100 Oxon businesses

A TRADING Standards scheme that gives businesses a stamp of approval to protect against rogue traders is celebrating after recruiting its 100th member.

The Buy with Confidence scheme accepted Eagle Plastering and Home Improvements as its 100th business, after they approached Oxfordshire County Council for accreditation.

Businesses who are approved receive a Buy with Confidence logo, which can be used on business documentation and advertising material, while a list of approved businesses can be looked at online.

Richard Webb, manager of the council's Trading Standards team, said: "We are delighted to have approved Eagle Plastering and we welcome the company to our Buy with Confidence list.

"Being part of the scheme gives businesses a seal of approval from us as they can demonstrate that they have spent the time and effort to seek out approval from Trading Standards.

"Part of the reason Buy with Confidence was set up was to provide people with an approved list of traders, so residents could feel confident in using those firms on it.

"It also deals a solid blow to those rogue traders who try and drum up business via deceitful and criminal methods."

Businesses who want to find out more about the scheme should go to www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/buy-confidence.

• *Richard Webb (left) and Mark Eagle, owner of Eagle Plastering and Home Improvements*

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Help give Cherwell a spring clean

MEMBERS of the public are being encouraged to roll up their sleeves and help out during Cherwell District Council's 10th annual spring clean.

From tomorrow until April 28, community groups, parish councils and individuals will be coordinating litter picks across the district.

So far, 26 organisations have pledged to lend a hand.

Last year, 41 organisations signed up to the event, which has removed 30 tonnes of rubbish from Cherwell's streets since 2004.

Cllr Nigel Morris, lead member for clean and green, said: "Our street cleansing officers work incredibly hard to keep Cherwell clear of rubbish all year round.

"But just like any other spring clean, this campaign is designed to go above and beyond the day-to-day cleaning duties.

"For the 10th anniversary we would urge as many people as possible to volunteer and help to make a big difference to their community."

Anyone interested in hosting a litter pick should call 01295 227003 and ask for Caroline Croghan.

Stepping back in time for charity

By **Adam Flinn**
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A GROUP of military wives and serving members from RAF Brize Norton have come together to create a charity calendar, to raise money for the Royal Air Forces Association (RAFA).

The calendar depicts 'Women of the War' in the 1940s, and was completed earlier this month following 17 months of planning and 13 photo shoots.

A total of 50 models, 16 make-up artists and hairdressers and 10 photographers were used in the calendar's creation, which will go on sale in June.

The idea for the charity calendar was first suggested in October 2012, when some of the women met to discuss how to raise money for RAFA.

They quickly started advertising for volunteers through social media and found 10 women ready to help, and after completing their first shoot and uploading the pictures online there were soon many more wanting to get involved.

Joanne Olsen was one of those who volunteered as a model and ultimately completed three photo shoots, one of which with her seven-year-old daughter Teagan.

She said: "I started volunteering when the call went out that they were looking for women of all shapes and sizes to portray scenes from the 1940s. It sounded like such a good way to meet new people.

"Teagan loved it. We had her dressed up in old clothing with a little duffle coat on, a beret and her hair in plaits, and it was really nice to see all the kids having fun."

The group are hoping to sell in excess of 5,000 copies at £7 each, and at this stage have not ruled out doing something similar again in the future.

Joanne added: "Nothing's been said for definite that we won't do it again, but we are concentrating on this as a one-time thing.

"Once we've got this one out of the way and we see how it does, then we'll think again as to whether to continue and do something else."

• *Scenes from the 2015 calendar, which is hoped to go on sale in June (Pictures courtesy of RAF Brize Norton)*

PM praises project to get kids learning outdoors

A PROJECT designed to encourage greater outdoor learning in the area has received praise from the Prime Minister.

Little Wild Things, based in Charlbury, aims to bring regular outdoor sessions to children.

Founded by Christine Donaldson and Charlotte Hansford, the project is part of the Wild Network, run by Play England.

Upon hearing about its launch, David Cameron MP said: "It is so important for children to spend time outside.

"It is good to see projects, like this one, making the most of the local area.

"I know how much hard work has been put in by Charlotte and Christine for the benefit of the children, their families and the wider community and so I want to wish the project the very best for the future."

Charlotte and Christine are currently raising £6,500 to buy a second-hand minibus for the project.

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Parks survey

OXFORD City Council is consulting with residents about the city's parks and open spaces, by asking what people think about them.

Park rangers will be completing surveys in the parks with visitors, to be used in future business plans and to support grant applications.

Drugs arrests

POLICE arrested eight men in connection with drug offences after raids in Oxford and Abingdon on Tuesday morning.

Six warrants were carried out under the Misuse of Drugs Act as part of Operation Strix at 5am.

The eight men, who are aged between 23 and 50 and from the Oxford and Abingdon areas, are currently in police custody for offences of conspiracy to supply class A drugs and money laundering.

Be a judge!

OXFORD Castle is reenacting a case from the 18th century this Easter half term, allowing visitors to play the role of judge and jury.

Members of the public will judge Mary Blandy who is on trial for the murder of her father from April 5 to 20.

Operation Juggernaut to tackle burglaries

POLICE in Cherwell and West Oxfordshire have launched a springtime burglary campaign to help tackle thefts from outbuildings in the area.

Operation Juggernaut is aiming to ensure gardening equipment, power tools and bicycles left in sheds and garages are secure, as they are a popular target for thieves at this time of year.

Local neighbourhood policing teams have been giving crime prevention advice at events around the area to raise awareness for securing outbuildings.

Officers will also be patrolling towns and villages across West Oxfordshire and Cherwell to try and deter criminal activity.

The campaign began last Thursday and is running until April 5, with events in Deddington and Carterton having taken place so far.

Det Insp Claire Storry said: "This year we have worked extremely hard to keep the number of burglaries across the area exceedingly low.

"This year so far we have had no increase in burglaries compared to last year and have solved 24.2 per cent of our reported burglaries of dwellings.

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"We ask that the public remain safety conscious by locking doors and windows, and make it as difficult as possible for people to target them.

"If you have any concerns, approach your local neighbourhood officers."

PC Richie Iwanoff added: "In addition to the events, the Local Police Area will also be conducting a proactive operation across the towns and villages.

"A number of different tactics will be used to patrol crime hotspot areas and target known burglary offenders."

Today sees a crime prevention event in Market Square, Witney, and at Carterton Market from 10am until 2pm,

It will also take place in Market Square, Chipping Norton, tomorrow and Saturday, Sheep Street in Bicester on Saturday, while officers will be visiting a number of West Oxfordshire villages with a mobile police station at the weekend.

And officers will be visiting Woodstock and Banbury on April 2 and 5 respectively.

'Just Jog' and improve fitness from Easter

PEOPLE in West Oxfordshire are being encouraged to dust off their trainers and take to jogging.

Eight-week 'Just Jog' sessions will start after Easter in Carterton, Eynsham and Witney.

The sessions are aimed at beginners, who will receive nutritional advice and support from experts.

Intermediate sessions will also be held for those who want to improve their pace.

The sessions will be led by instructor Lisa Betteridge, who only started jogging three years ago.

She said: "I'd never done any regular exercise before and certainly wasn't a fan of running - so if I can do it, anyone can.

"Jogging is a great way of keeping fit and the sessions are very sociable."

The eight-week course begins on April 27 and is £24 for leisure centre members or £32 for non-members.

• *Lisa Betteridge will lead the sessions*

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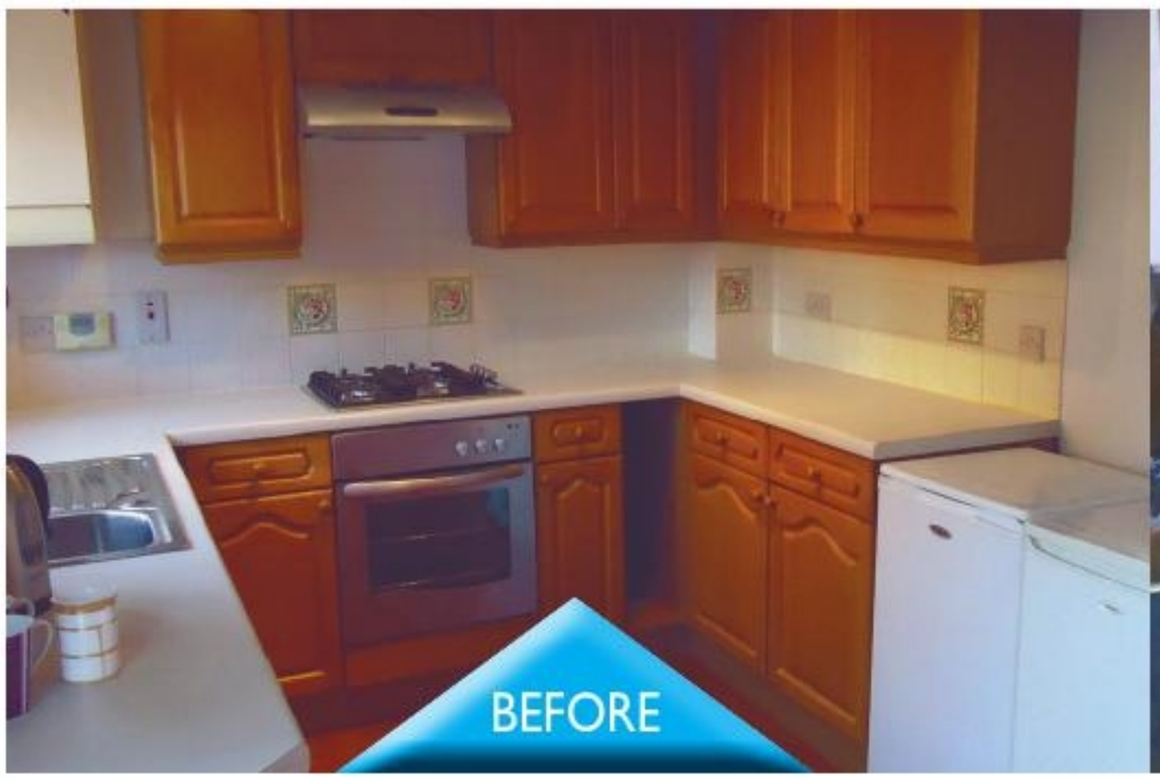

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Business Bites

Students show innovation with heart monitor

A WEARABLE heart monitor designed by Year 10 Burford School pupils saw off stiff competition to win the highly sought-after 2014 Begbroke Science Park (BSP) Innovation Showcase award.

BSP welcomed 38 Year 9 and 10 pupils from schools in Oxfordshire and the Southeast to try their hand at turning cutting edge science into commercial business ideas.

The five teams took recent scientific discoveries and developed them into new commercial products, presenting their designs and business plans 'Dragons Den style' in competition for the coveted Innovation Showcase trophy.

The winning team (pictured) caught the judge's attention with their innovative thinking, well thought out strategy and clear routes to market.

Success for West Oxon businesses at awards

• *The team from ICEoxford celebrate winning the Coutts West Oxfordshire Business of the Year Award*

By **James Booker**
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ICEOXFORD - a Witney-based supplier of high performance cryogenic systems to scientific and research groups worldwide - have been named Coutts West Oxfordshire Business of the Year. The 12-strong list of 2014 WOBAs winners was announced at a glamorous event hosted at Heythrop Park.

ICEoxford (Innovative Cryogenic Engineering) MD, Chris Busby, said: "We are proud to be a British company exporting worldwide so it is fantastic to be recognised by the West Oxfordshire Business Awards.

"Winning will help in raising our profile locally and within our industry, but most importantly, it rewards our staff who have made us the leader in cryogenic engineering."

Prime Minister and Witney MP David Cameron sent a personal video message for the evening, saying: "I am a big supporter of small businesses, and I am extremely proud that my constituency plays host to so many."

WOBA spokesperson Jo Sensecall said: "This was the most fiercely fought WOBAs yet with each award posing a fantastic problem for our judges due to the high standard of businesses we have in West Oxfordshire."

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Community space in towns

IN this month's guest column, Wantage Town Team coordinator Iain Nicholson on why community space has a big role to play in future high streets.

This week town team colleagues from up and down the country got together for the first ever Future High Streets Summit - an opportunity to share experiences and ideas. One of the big issues up for debate was the importance of finding other uses for town centres beyond retail.

It's a debate often provoked by people who start from the standpoint that we have too many shops and say there is not enough demand either from customers or from would-be tenants to fill all the empty space in our towns.

Others feel that is too gloomy a view, arguing that all the hard work that is being done by town teams around the country will, given time, deliver a much more positive picture.

That's how I see things, but I still believe we should be looking to encourage non-retail uses too. There are an increasing number of good examples to be found in Oxfordshire towns and we're just launching a crowdfunding campaign in Wantage to try to help secure the future of one example here.

It's called The Mix and is a community space that's been created out of a long empty shop, and made available for local groups and organisations to hire.

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Spring fresh homes...

The first day of spring is finally on the horizon, and it's the perfect time to freshen up our homes. Gabrielle Fagan finds simple ways to give rooms an affordable facelift.

By Gabrielle Fagan

WE'RE finally leaving winter behind, yet our homes can look as though they're still suffering from its effects. Thankfully, a few changes, small but significant, can spruce things up.

"First go outside, then walk back through your front door with fresh eyes to identify things that could be tidier or more cheerful," advises Amanda Fox, creative director of homeware and gift specialists, The Handpicked Collection.

"Have fun by investing in a set of colourful pegs for hanging coats, or identify something you can paint a bright colour.

"Do you fancy bright yellow banisters or perhaps an emerald green door frame? If it's a small job, you'll probably only need a few tester pots, rather than a whole litre can of paint."

It's all too easy to get used to cluttered surfaces, especially in the kitchen, so she suggests making a clean sweep and storing away all but the essentials and allowing attractive items, like quirky mismatched crockery or sleek designer gadgets, to star.

Take a similar approach in living areas, by collecting decorative items in one place, deciding which work well together, and then redistributing them in different arrangements throughout the house.

"Try to mix-match heights, sizes, textures and colours to make them visually appealing and they'll look new and different," says Fox.

"Similarly, take down pictures and try each one in a different position. You'll be surprised how fresh existing artworks can look with different light on them and a change of surrounding environment."

Finally, plump up sofa cushions, fling windows wide open for at least 30 minutes a day, and drape a colourful cloth over a table and make fruit a centrepiece.

"A glass vase filled with zesty, colourful lemons and limes whose aroma will scent the room is a stylist's favourite trick," she says.

"Most of these changes won't cost a thing but they'll have the effect of putting a spring in your step every time you go indoors!"

So in time for March 20 and the arrival of the new season, check out the experts' suggestions for spring room projects...

Stairway to heaven

Stairs can be taken for granted when it comes to redecorating and may merely get routinely repainted.

Yet a complete replacement staircase, or even simply replacing the spindles, stair baluster and newel posts, can be hugely effective and transform a hallway.

Neville Johnson is one specialist company who will completely replace a staircase, from £2,000 (www.nevillejohnson.co.uk). Richard Burbidge has a wide variety of stair-part systems, rails, pots and spindles, including contemporary versions in glass and metal. A basic kit starts from £300 for an average staircase of 13 treads. In many cases this is a DIY project which can be completed in under a weekend (www.stairproject.co.uk).

Window on the world

Sitting in a comfy chair basking in glorious spring sunshine pouring through an adjacent window is an easy way to relax.

"Rejuvenate your window space with textiles, plants, vases and lamps, then pull up a chair, have a good book handy and you've got your very own sunshine haven," says Aisha Gibson at Ikea.

"Sheer curtains allow sunlight to filter evenly through a room, and if you add layers of textiles in different patterns and materials you can give your space a textured, layered look.

"Like jewellery, curtain finials complete your window dressing and make it even more elegant, playful and personal. The best part is that you can easily change them whenever you feel you want some variation.

"Make your own tassel with a length of leftover fabric. Fold it, cut into strips, then roll and bind with decorative ribbon and use the ribbon to act as a tie back."

Snap to it

Family occasions are great photo opportunities but it's a visual opportunity lost if they

• Left: A new staircase such as this Fusion glass staircase from Richard Burbridge can change the feel of two areas of the house. Below: Altering a few key elements can make a remarkable difference. All photos: PA Photo/Handout.

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• *A table and chairs are often the dominant feature of the room, so it makes sense to consider them as prime opportunities for change. PA Photo/Handout.*

later languish on laptops.

Producing a collage of photos or a themed selection in compartmentalised picture frames is a brilliant way to display them and keep memories fresh.

Create a gallery on one wall with a group of frames, maybe interspersed with favourite posters, and you'll have a talking point in any room.

Dining delight

Easter's on the horizon and celebration meals or informal gatherings will be on the calendar.

"Springtime is all about giving interiors an uplift," says Claire Hornby, interior stylist at Barker & Stonehouse.

"Breathe new life into a jaded dining area by introducing a few key accessories in bold, zesty colours.

"Update your look with brightly upholstered chairs or new chair cushions, and a statement rug to zone the area.

"Pot plants hung on hooks, and vases of cut flowers, will add vital touches of greenery."

Alternatively, recreate informal al fresco dining in a kitchen or conservatory with a simple bistro-style table and chair set. Use seat pads for comfort, keep styling simple and display freshly picked garden foliage in pots or containers like jam jars or milk bottles.

Spring scent

Just the scent of a warm, spring day can lift spirits. Even if the weather doesn't co-operate, evoke the atmosphere with fragranced candles conjuring smells of cut grass or flowers.

"Treat yourself to a really good scented candle and burn it for 10 minutes each day to fill the room with floral, fresh fragrances," says Amanda Fox.

"It'll last for months if you're frugal with it, making the treat perfectly justifiable. Also, cut up bars of fragranced soap, popped into drawers and linen cupboards, will make bedding and clothes smell sweet."

Patio perfect

It can be depressing staring out at garden furniture that's been battered by downpours and winter frost.

Instead of buying new, give it a revamp. Choose a dry day to repaint chairs and the table.

If necessary, rub down with coarse sandpaper or a wire brush to remove any flakes or rust. Wash the table and chairs thoroughly with hot, soapy water to remove dirt and grease. Rinse well with clean water and allow to dry.

Spread newspaper in a well-ventilated area or preferably outside. Apply two or three fine coats of PlastiKote Outdoor satin spray paint in the colour of your choice, allowing 10-15 minutes between each coat. The furniture will be touch-dry in 30-50 minutes and thoroughly dry in two to three hours

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Ben: 'It's not just blues'

BLUES guitarist Ben Poole brings his spring tour to Oxford on Monday, as he prepares to record his new album due to be released later this year.

By **Adam Flinn**
adam@taylornewspapers.co.uk

Ben and his four-piece band will play a range of their music including from the debut release 'Let's Go Upstairs', as well as new material that could feature on the upcoming album.

He has previously been nominated at the 2011 British Blues Awards and also represented the UK at the 2012 European Blues Challenge in Berlin, where he came third out of 19 entries.

And in the last few years, Ben has been touring heavily across the globe, where he has found critical acclaim in the Netherlands, Switzerland and Germany.

"I've branched out into other territories because it's quite difficult in the UK, but I do well in those places," Ben said.

"When people try and put me in a box they usually say blues, but it's not just blues. There are elements of rock and pop, kind of a modern twist on the blues genre really.

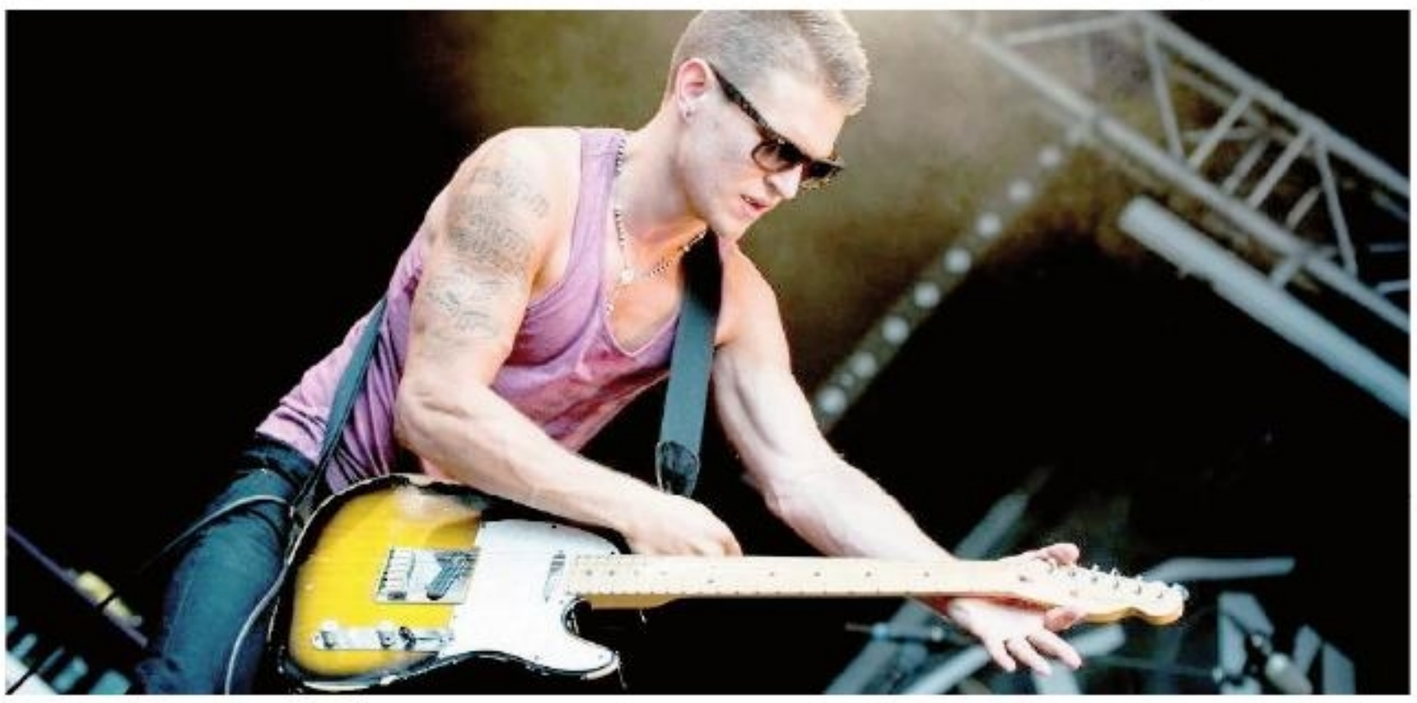
"It's very guitar-based, and more and more of my own stuff is coming into the set these days."

This show will see a selection of songs that could feature on the new album, which Ben says will be slightly different to 'Let's Go Upstairs'.

"For the last album I really concentrated on the song-writing side of things and maybe lost a little bit of the guitar element, so we're trying to bring that back a little bit," he said.

"I've always been known as a guitar player, but it's trying to be recognised as more than just that which is a constant battle."

Ben performs at the Haven Club on Monday, and doors open at 8pm.



• Ben Poole comes to Oxford on Monday (Picture by Marco Van Rooijen)

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GROWING PAINS

Increasing numbers of people are living with the potentially devastating consequences of multiple sclerosis.

Just last year Dancing With the Stars contestant Jack Osbourne was diagnosed with the debilitating neurological disease, and now new research suggests the number of people living with the condition in the UK increased by around 2.4% a year between 1990 and 2010, to 127,000.

The last estimate of the number of people with multiple sclerosis (MS), which disrupts the transmission of signals in the central nervous system (CNS) and can affect balance, co-ordination and vision, was 100,000.

On the face of it, it's a huge increase, but the Dundee University study also found that the number of people being diagnosed with the illness is falling - suggesting more people are living longer with the condition.

Certainly, the research also found that MS mortality rates fell by about 3% per year.

Sue Farrington, director for education and communication at the Multiple Sclerosis Society, explains that MS is estimated to potentially reduce a person's lifespan by no more than five years.

"Generally, you don't die from MS. What you might be looking at is your quality of life being reduced," she says.

"This is a condition that people have for life. That's quite a burden to carry."

It's a burden that Jack Osbourne, who has the most common form of the disease, relapsing remitting MS, found he was carrying last year, just weeks after the birth of his first child.

There are four different forms of MS, and the type Osbourne has means sufferers have relapses (an unpredictable flare-up of symptoms) followed by remissions, where symptoms can sometimes disappear completely.

The 28-year-old son of Sharon and Ozzy Osbourne talked about the impact of his diagnosis on UK TV for the first time this month, when he fronted the MS Society's BBC Lifeline Appeal.

He said: "I think the scariest moment in my life was when I was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. I lost the vision in my right eye, and came to find out that the numbness in my legs from 18 months earlier was a result of the same thing.

"MS is unpredictable, which means I never know how or when it's going to affect me. Whether [I have] problems with my vision, numbness, fatigue - that's just something my family and I now have to think about every day."

He admits the last year has been tough, but added: "I now know that life doesn't end when you're diagnosed with MS.

"I'd just become a father so I was determined to not be beaten by it.

But learning to adapt can be a real challenge."

MS occurs when a protein called myelin, which surrounds nerve fibres and helps them conduct electrical impulses, is damaged or destroyed. This disrupts the nerves' ability to conduct electrical impulses to and from the brain.

In MS, myelin is lost in multiple areas, leaving scar tissue called sclerosis which produces the symptoms of the disease.

Symptoms vary depending on which part of the CNS is affected, but the disease can cause loss of vision (usually only in one eye), muscle stiffness leading to uncontrolled muscle movements, difficulties with balance and co-ordination, and extreme fatigue.

"MS affects different people in different ways," explains Farrington.

"For some people it may be their sight that's the first indicator there's something wrong, or it may be that their speech becomes slurred, or they have problems with their mobility."

The condition used to be difficult to diagnose because symptoms are so varied, but the advent of MRI scanning has improved diagnosis.

However, while it's known what happens inside the body to cause the symptoms of MS, it's not known why it happens or what the specific causes are.

"It would be wonderful if we could just identify one thing that caused MS, but it's very complex," says Farrington.

It's thought to be an autoimmune condition, as the body is attacking itself when myelin is destroyed, and recent evidence suggests some people may have a genetic predisposition to develop MS.

However, Farrington says: "We think there's some sort of link to genes, but it's probably a combination of genes and other things, as not everyone with the genes will develop MS.

"There are a number of environmental factors too. MS is more common the further away you live from the Equator, and there's growing research that suggests a lack of vitamin D could be a factor in causing it."

Research is also looking into the role of viruses in triggering the disease, but no single virus has been identified as a definite contributor. However, there's growing evidence that the Epstein Barr virus, which is commonly caught in childhood, may act as a trigger.

A number of studies have also found smoking appears to increase some people's risk of developing MS, although it's unclear why.

The search goes on for a cause and a cure, although in the meantime, treatments for relapsing remitting MS, which often eventually develops into another type of the disease, secondary progressive MS, have greatly improved.

Disease-modifying drugs are used to slow the progression of the disease and reduce the number of relapses. However, the drugs are not suitable for all people with MS.

Physiotherapy, oxygen treatment and diet and exercise are also thought to help manage symptoms.

But Farrington is cautious about the effects of diet and exercise on MS.

"We wouldn't say that if you eat well and exercise it'll help, because we don't know that yet," she says.

"Everyone needs to lead a healthy lifestyle because of its impact on wellbeing, but there's no proof that if you adopt a healthy lifestyle it will minimise your MS.

"There are some people who would say it has done, and that's great for them, but our researchers say that unfortunately, at the moment, there's no conclusive proof.

"MS is just so uncertain and unpredictable."

Neil Kemsley, chairman of the MS National Therapy Centres (MSNTC), a national charity which supports 56 member centres across the UK and funded the University of Dundee study, says he believes a good diet, exercise, oxygen treatment and physiotherapy can make a "huge" difference to the course of MS.

"There are plenty of people who've had an MS diagnosis for 10-20 years who are still able to walk and live life relatively well, probably because they've taken control of their condition and done something about it in terms of exercise and diet," he says.

Part of that taking control is also taking advantage of the services available at the nearest MS therapy centre, says Kemsley, whose wife has had MS for 26 years.

The centres, which rely on donations, usually provide physiotherapy, fitness training, oxygen therapy and complementary therapies, as well as advice on diet and continence, and the opportunity to meet others with MS.

"I can't count the number of times I've heard a person in a wheelchair saying they wish they'd come to a therapy centre years before, because they probably wouldn't be in a wheelchair now," says Kemsley.

"The therapy centres are full of individuals saying 'I'm going to take charge of my life and find a community of people in the same situation, and between us we'll find ways of helping ourselves.'"

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Katy in Red

BRITISH R&B singer Katy B comes to Oxford this evening, following on from the release of her second album 'Little Red' earlier this year.

London-born Katy will be performing the latest singles '5AM' and 'Crying For No Reason' as part of the show, as well as hits from her debut release 'On a Mission'.

Further details about tonight's show are available at www.o2academyoxford.co.uk.

Comedy fest

THE Old Fire Station is host to the all-new Oxford Comedy Festival on Saturday, featuring stand-up, music, magic, improvisation and workshops during the course of the day.

Acts confirmed for the festival include 2013 Funny Women Finalist Elf Lyons, Impromptu Shakespeare and Oxford's own sketch comedy specialists The Dead Secrets.

Go to Wash!

CHILDREN'S theatre production Wash is staged at the Didcot Cornerstone on Sunday, featuring the story of a monkey who needs a good clean.

Live music is created from paraphernalia of a washing world, and uses rhythm and song specifically designed for a young audience.

Jane Austen improvised!

JANE Austen wrote hundreds of novels that have been lost for years, according to comedy performers in Austentatious, coming to the North Wall Arts Centre next Friday.

By **Adam Flinn**
adam@taylornewspapers.co.uk

And as a result, seven performers will be improvising a new show based on an audience suggestion and in the style of the famous 19th century author.

Visitors will be asked to come up with a show title and put their idea into a hat, before one is drawn at random and performed from scratch in a one-hour production.

Previous shows have seen suggestions including 'Pride and Predator', 'Mansfield Shark' and 'Bradford and Bingley', performed in period costume and with a live cello accompaniment.

"It's an improvised show, which means we have absolutely no idea what the plot's going to be," said Andrew Hunter Murray, one of the Austentatious performers.

"The story all comes from the title and the opening scenes, and we just go with it and try to pick a narrative out of what we're doing."

Away from improvisation, Andrew is also one of the renowned QI elves, who write the questions for the BBC panel show. In Austentatious, he is accompanied by Cariad Lloyd, Rachel Parris, Joseph Morpurgo, Amy Cooke-Hodgson, Graham Dickson and Charlotte Gittins, all of whom have been improvising for many years.

Andrew added: "Four of the seven of us were in the Oxford Imps, so that's how we first met. We all know each other quite well, which means we're comfortable with one another on stage, messing around and trying to make it difficult or provide for each other.

"Improvisation isn't as difficult as it sounds, although maybe I should say it's exceedingly difficult so everyone will be more impressed!"

Next Friday's show begins at 8pm, and more details are available at www.thenorthwall.com.

The group also return to Oxfordshire later next month with a performance at the Chipping Norton Theatre on April 26. Go to www.chippingnortontheatre.co.uk for further information.

• The cast of Austentatious are at the North Wall Arts Centre next Friday, before heading to Chipping Norton on April 26

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THE Reading Operatic Society present The Wedding Singer, a show packed with 1980s music and impressive dance routines, which is coming to Henley's Kenton Theatre from Wednesday.

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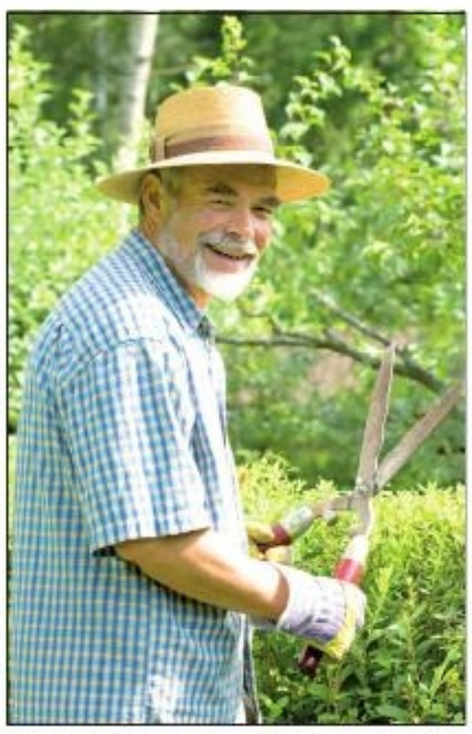

WE all feel better after an hour or two of gardening; the fresh air, the exercise and the simple joy of being surrounded by beautiful flowers and the fruits of our labour.

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The regularity of nurturing plants

By Hannah Stephenson

on a daily basis also adds structure to the day of those living with dementia, while being involved in gardening activities like sowing seeds and watering plants gives a better sense of control, the Society explains. The cycle of sowing, nurturing, growing and harvesting plants, vegetables and flowers helps give a better perception of their lives. Also, the delicate nature of some gardening activities can help to maintain or improve fine motor skills and increase spatial awareness.

Garden activities can also help those with dementia talk about their past lives by reminding them about similar activities when they were younger, for example what plants, flowers or vegetables they used to grow.

Research shows that gardening can also help the wellbeing of younger people with early onset dementia.

"Younger people with dementia want and need activities which are stimulating, fulfilling and productive because they are still seeking activities which mimic the workplace model," says Jill Walton, support group co-ordinator at the Frontotemporal Dementia Support Group (www.ftdsg.org), which provides support and information to carers of young people with dementia.

Thrive, a national charity supporting horticultural therapy, holds a database of around 900 garden projects in the UK and can put you in touch with a project in your local area (www.thrive.org.uk or 0118 988 5688). Most Thrive gardeners are referred by social services or through a professional such as their GP or care professional, but others start at a project through their own initiative and their place may be funded by family and friends.

These larger projects are clearly wonderful, but for many people, gardening at home is where the real therapy lies. Indeed, recent research by Alzheimer's Society, in partnership with Homebase, discovered 83% of people with dementia want to live in their own homes for as long as possible; so how can you create a home garden, or modify an existing one, to give people with dementia the greatest therapy?

Thrive recommends straightforward way-finding: the layout of paths - essentially a loop - could take the visitor on a journey and return them to the starting point, while specimen trees and features such as pergolas, sculptures, bird tables and large pots can act as landmarks.

Create a series of places to sit, with focal points to look at. These should also be protected from bright sunlight, chilling winds and deep shade, perhaps introducing a canopy or a parasol to prevent exposure to the elements.

Use gentle changes rather than strong contrasts. For example, avoid strong shadows on paths, which might look like holes, abrupt changes in paving materials which may look like steps, or reflective materials which might look like water. These might give rise to general confusion and agitation and also present fall hazards.

When adding a walkway, Alzheimer's Society (www.alzheimers.org.uk) recommends paths which are constant, such as a figure of eight, as paths with abrupt endings can disorientate people with dementia.

Stimulate all of the senses all year round with colourful, fragrant plants and flowers, water features and wind chimes.

Scents can often create memories, so introduce plants to the garden that have great smells, such as lavender, rosemary, mint or thyme.

Sensory experience can be increased through introducing plants which are soft to touch such as lambs' ears or bunny tails, an ornamental grass which is soft and fluffy.

Of course, it's wise to remove dangerous plants as dementia sufferers may not recall which plants are poisonous or irritate their skin.

Similarly, any plants with thorns or which may sting should be removed from the garden altogether.

If new plants are needed, select these with the person living with dementia. They may have favourites which bring back memories of happy times. Go to the garden centre and let the dementia sufferer physically handle the plants, flowers and gardening items which may trigger memories more effectively than looking at pictures.

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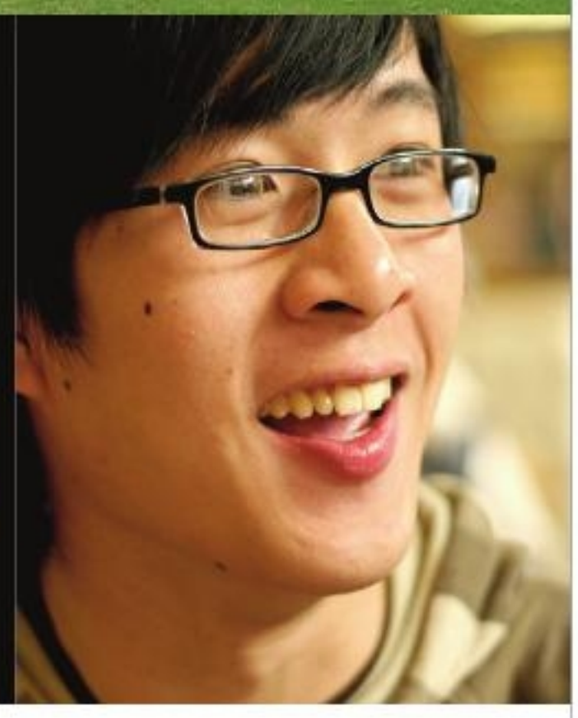

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Perk up your patio...

If the rain ever lets up long enough for us to venture out on to our patios, we'll need some quick fixes to brighten them up in time for the warmer, and hopefully drier, months of spring.

By **Hannah Stephenson**

BUT, aside from jetwashing them, what should the average gardener actually be doing to these patios...?

Garden designer Diarmuid Gavin, who last year added a wraparound balcony and cast iron columns decorated with swathes of wisteria to his own patio in Co Wicklow, Ireland, has some ideas.

Bulbs planted in patio pots back in September may have rotted if they haven't been given good drainage and were standing on pot feet, he says, but even if there's no sign of them, all is not lost.

"Even now, if you just lift the pot to allow them to drain, the bulbs and plantings may be all right."

In addition to the practical, Gavin, an ambassador for the Karcher watering range, has some easy patio design tips too.

"You can brighten up the patio with instant colour, but be innovative about what you plant and how you do it."

He suggests going to your local restaurant or take-away to see if they have any large metal containers which once held olives or other food. Drill a few holes in the bottom, put a layer of gravel at the bottom and fill the rest with well-drained compost and either put in a selection of wonderful herbs like basil or marjoram or even some salads like Lollo Rosso or Swiss chard, or even nasturtiums and marigolds, and you will have results fast.

"Another thing I love is to get big oil drums from reclamation yards for next to nothing, clean them up and paint them in Caribbean colours. If you have a collection of them you can cut some of them down to size and they make the most fantastic containers.

"Large containers like these will take a good quantity of manure and topsoil. If they're big enough, you can plant birch trees or clumps of bamboos to create borders and long-term planting once you've top-dressed and had them irrigated.

"Be innovative about your choice of container and then make sure you have a good solid medium for them to grow in."

If you want to invest in new garden furniture there's a wealth of choice too, adds Gavin.

"Fifteen years ago if you wanted garden furniture you got a picnic bench or a plastic chair that cost ¬£2.99. There's been a radical change in furniture, with durable woven plastics, colourful seating and the new thing we're going to see are cabanas."

If you want to hide unsightly eyesores like water butts, you can just put a big pot in front of them, he says.

"People often make the mistake of corralling eyesores behind bits of trellis or fencing. If you do that, you make the garden look smaller and draw more attention to what you're trying to hide. Maybe have a light framework of planting such as the Russian vine (mile-a-minute plant) which, if kept under control, will be fantastic.

"If you're trying to hide something in the shade, go for a light framework of honeysuckle, which emits a fantastic scent, or some rambling roses. Simplicity is key in this to avert the eye away from the offensive article."

Spring planting could incorporate double daisies (Bellis perennis), Bachelor buttons (cornflower) or cheiranthus (wallflower).

"Use traditional bedding in a more radical way. And if you didn't plant bulbs, buy some which are about to come into flower, whether dwarf daffodils, hyacinths or tulips and surround them with bedding or with ivies in pots."

"Don't try to be too tasteful. When I grew up in a very suburban street I grew up with blue and white and blue and white. Mass-plant different shades of blue together, while clashing colours of bedding can be incredibly exuberant."

Permanent plantings on patios of milder gardens could include some pittosporum and hebes.

Diarmuid Gavin is Karcher's Watering ambassador. Find out more at www.karcher.co.uk

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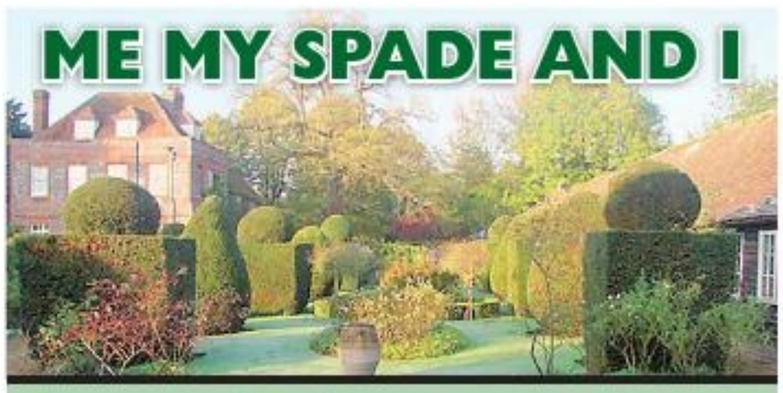
• *Right Bergenia. PA Photo/thinkstockphotos*



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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

1 Border (6)
7 Not professional (7)
8 Undo (7)
9 Relationship (5)
10 Scantily (9)
12 Prosecute (3)
13 Comprehends (4)
15 Plunder (7)
17 If not (4)
19 Floor covering (3)
21 Pertaining to victory (9)
22 Member of jury (5)
23 Capacity (7)
24 Small boat (7)
25 Fanatic (6)

Quick Clues Down

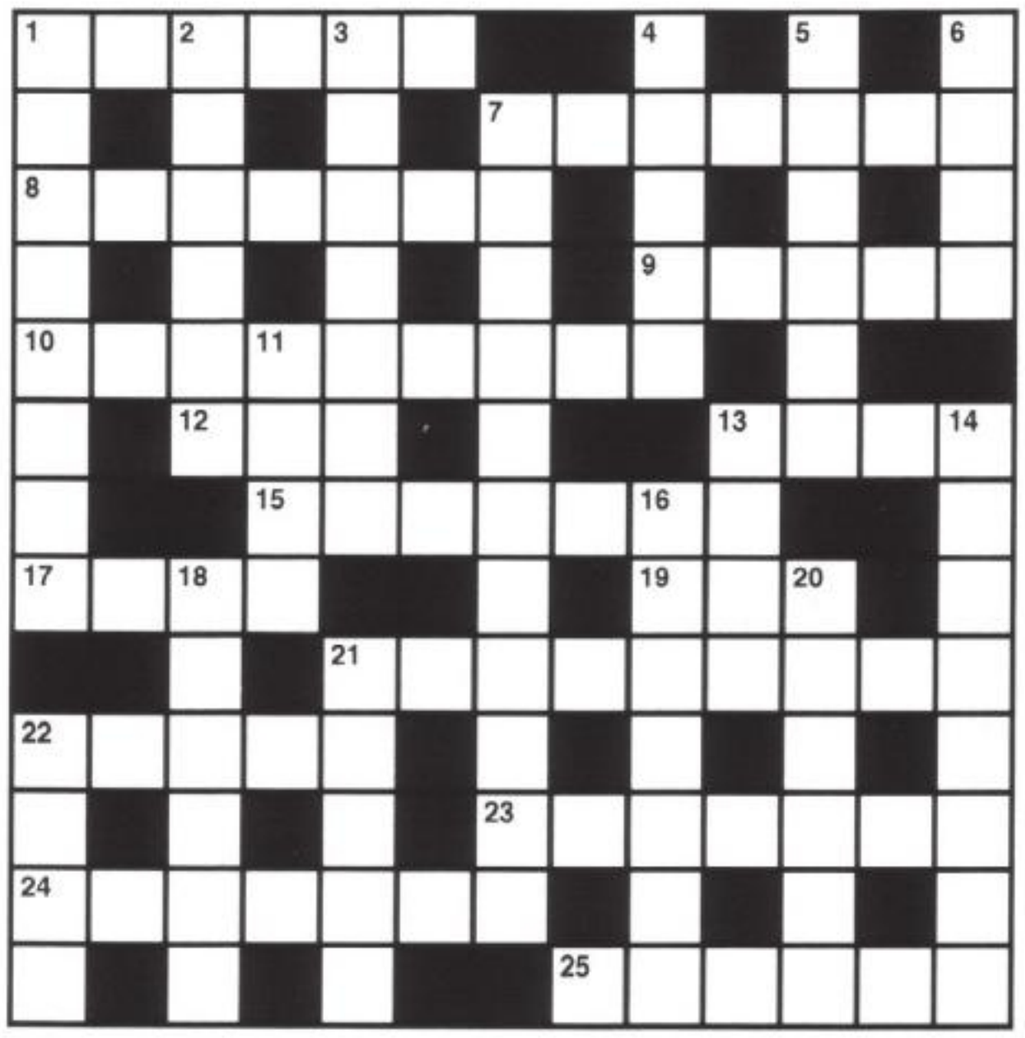
1 Quartet (8)
2 Moves bit by bit (6)
3 Spanish nobleman (7)
4 Worry (5)
5 Spirit (6)
6 Set of three (4)
7 Apt (11)
11 Naked (4)
13 Rebuff (4)
14 Least big (8)
16 Vast (7)
18 Muscular (6)
20 Bondage (6)
21 Experiment (5)
22 Jest (4)

Cryptic Clues Across

1 They're simply revolting (6)
7 Is love no longer set apart? (7)
8 Hold money round the disturbed worker (7)
9 The bottom of the drain (5)
10 Less severe about the fast with a mixed gin
12 You sound beastly! (3)
13 In return, made some cheese (4)
15 Morally improved and could be deified (7)
17 Back part of the forearm (4)
19 Accomplished palindrome (3)
21 Division of equal bird and altered atom (9)
22 Animal sounds sweet (5)
23 Number one part is malodorous (7)
24 A good line for sunbathing chap (7)
25 Soon my return is nameless (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 Official musical instrument? (8)
2 Ornament from Bengal (6)
3 How King Edward got to know (7)
4 I am taken in by the bell, though still on the move (5)
5 Conducted round and finally settled (6)
6 A lordly lock (4)
7 In dispute roughly ten are neutral (11)
11 12 gets a letter in jug (4)
13 Produce a paper on the effect of the ocean rising (4)
14 Diana's night-light? (8)
16 I mentioned no men in the issue (7)
18 A spring of plenty (6)
20 Deny and is in a lower position (6)
21 But they're not mountain dogs (5)
22 Very small but has sound power (4)



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Last week's solutions

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Quick Crossword

Across: 4 Scamps 8 Corners 10 Pounced 11 Reels 12 Terse 13 Dalliance 16 Armistice 19 Music 20 Grasp 22 Canyons 23 Elector 24 Sadism
Down: 1 Scared 2 True 3 Perspicacious 5 Countersigned 6 Macaroni 7 Sudden 9 Spain 14 Lessened 15 Smocks 17 Mouse 18 Expert 21 Anti

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 4 Probed 8 Imputes 10 Ordeals 11 Arson 12 Eider 13 Sentiment 16 Grapeshot 19 Taboo 20 Delay 22 Parades 21 Hay loft 24 Elders
Down: 1 Rivals 2 Opts 3 Standing order 5 Red-letter days 6 Brandish 7 Desire 9 Solve 14 Numbered 15 Steppe 17 Abash 18 Trysts 21 Loop

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The ceremony was held on Sunday and will be televised on Channel 5 on Mother's Day (this coming Sunday).

Winning mums will be treated to a full makeover and their own Tesco Living magazine photo shoot. They will then be presented with their award in front of friends, family and celebrity guests.

Hyundai's ix35 compact SUV has already won many fans thanks to its combination of style, comfort and practicality. It is a vehicle that is as equally at home in the city as it is out of it – making it the ideal partner for family life. The ix35s will ensure that winning mums travel in style and comfort to the awards and will also be on hand to chauffeur official Tesco Mum of the Year Ambassador, Coleen Rooney, to the exclusive event.

By **Andy Allans**

Award categories and winners are as follows: Supportive Mum of the Year won by Diana Golding, Enterprising Mum of The Year won by Ranu Mehta-Radia, Charitable Mum of the Year won by Laura Young, Campaigning Mum of the Year won by Jane Plumb, Community Mum of the Year won by Lynn McManus, Achieving Mum of the Year won by Maggie Hughes, Celebrity Mum of the Year won by Dame Sarah Storey and Tesco Colleague Lifetime Achievement Award won by Pam Clarke.

Tony Whitehorn, president and CEO of Hyundai UK, said: "The inspirational women who have received these accolades really do make huge differences to the lives of others.

Debbie Chernin, Tesco Mum of the Year manager, said: "We are thrilled to have the opportunity to work with Hyundai again. Our mums deserve to be spoilt and we want the very best for them."

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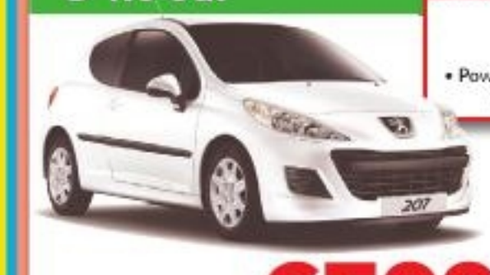

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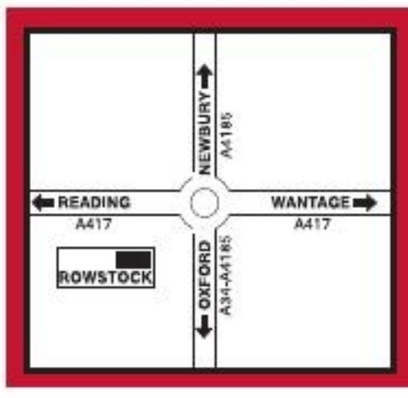

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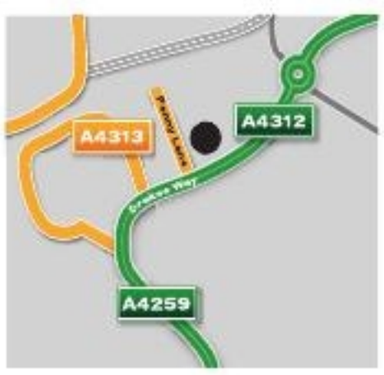

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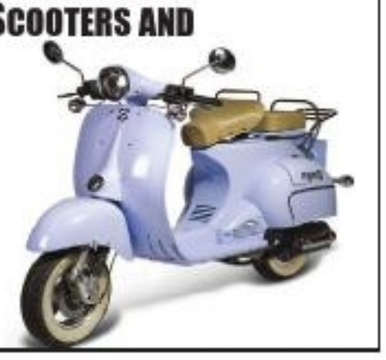

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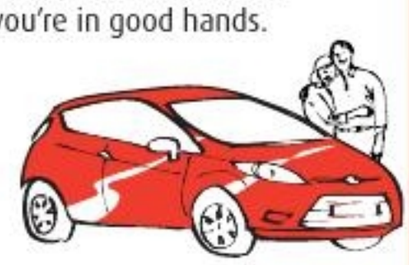

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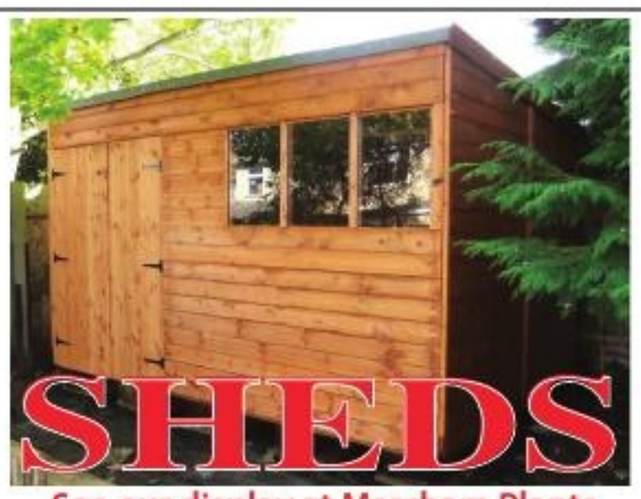

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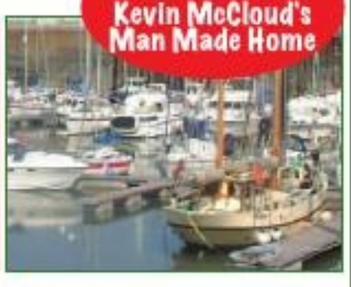
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New U's boss Waddock looks to turn the tables

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The 52-year-old's first game in charge ended in a disappointing 3-0 defeat at play-off rivals Southend United on Monday night.

United are currently sixth in Sky Bet League Two, three points inside the play-offs but 11 adrift of automatic promotion.

"The players know, I know, the fans know, and I am disappointed for the people that travelled," Waddock, who was unveiled last Saturday, told the club after Monday's loss.

"The supporters were expecting a performance.

"I want to make sure that we give the fans something back because they deserve that."

United were 2-0 down after 17 minutes as Will Atkinson finished from close range and Lee Barnard converted from the penalty spot.

Waddock's side had chances but James Constable volleyed over from a corner while Deane Smalley saw his header cleared off the line.

United were made to rue their missed opportunities as Jamar Loza shrugged Jake Wright aside and fired past Ryan Clarke with four minutes remaining.

By **Jack Johnson**
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While Clarke did his level best to keep United in the match, Waddock admitted that he will look to shuffle the pack.

"If it was not for him (Clarke) the scoreline would have been so much greater," Waddock added.

"We didn't defend well enough at all as a back four and we were not clinical enough in the final third of the pitch.

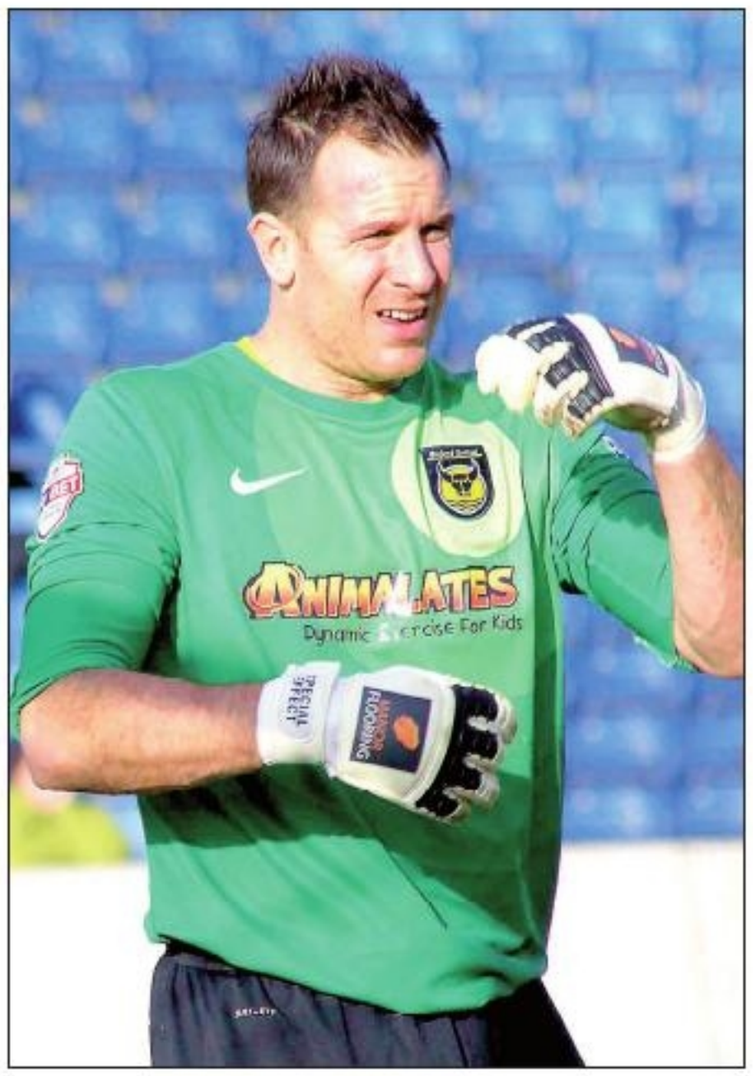
"That is two areas of the team that we need to have a look at."

He continued: "The players that started had an opportunity, but there are not too many that have come out of it with any credit.

"There's some lads waiting on the sideline and their opportunity will come.

"I will pick the bones out the DVD, assess it, speak to the players once everything has died down and we will go again."

United travel to Dagenham & Redbridge this Saturday, and will be looking to record their first away win since January 18.



• *Ryan Clarke was one of very few players to make an impression on new head coach Gary Waddock during Oxford United's defeat at Southend (Picture by Steve Daniels)*

Heavy defeat sees City stay in relegation dogfight...

OXFORD City remain second from bottom in the Skrill North after a heavy 4-0 defeat to Leamington on Tuesday night.

It was the second time in three days that City have suffered such a defeat, as they went down to high-flying North Ferriby United last Saturday.

While Mike Ford's men currently occupy a relegation spot and are five points from safety, they could still be saved from the drop.

Vauxhall Motors, currently 16th in the table, are rumoured to be quitting the league due to financial concerns.

However, City still have 10 games left to play, and are only three points above bottom side Workington.

The Hoops will be looking to end their two-game winless run when they welcome Guiseley to Marsh Lane this Saturday.

Second round beckons for F1 outfits

OXFORDSHIRE'S Formula One teams return to action this weekend, for the second round of the season at the Malaysian circuit of Sepang.

Williams enjoyed the best start to the season in Australia last time out as Valtteri Bottas finished fifth, putting the Grove-based team fourth in the constructors' standings.

Bottas said: "Malaysia could be the hottest race this season, and having it at the start when people are trying to develop what they have isn't the easiest of tasks.

"Physically for the drivers it isn't easy. We have to work hard in the off-season so we are ready for times like this."

His team-mate Felipe Massa will be hoping to get past the first corner in Sepang, after his race was cut short by Kamui Kobayashi's out-of-control Caterham.

Massa said: "When you go to Malaysia you can never count out the weather, as there is always the chance of heavy rain. I'm looking forward to having a good race there."

Meanwhile, Lotus and Caterham will be hoping to get to the finish in Malaysia, after suffering double retirements during the Australian race.

And Marussia will be hoping to build on their 13th and 14th-place finishes for Max Chilton and Jules Bianchi respectively.

Opener ends in misery as Smith crashes out

BRADLEY Smith suffered a disappointing end to the opening round of MotoGP in Qatar after he crashed out from fifth place.

The 23-year-old enjoyed his best ever qualifying, finding himself third on the grid, and was second during the opening laps.

Smith settled into a rhythm but, as he began to prepare an attack on the front four riders, he lost the front on lap 19 at turn six.

Despite the disappointment of crashing out, it was a positive race weekend for the Monster Yamaha Tech3 rider.

Smith said: "It's plain to see that this wasn't the ideal way to finish the opening race of the season as I gave everything that I possibly could have.

"I was feeling good on the bike, however it was difficult to close the final second to the front runners but, with five or six laps to go, I was determined to try and catch them.

"Now I need to refocus a little bit, taking all the positives out of this weekend, and then go to Austin with this new found confidence and be as competitive there."

Marc Marquez was the victor at the Losail Circuit, with Valentino Rossi and Dani Pedrosa completing the podium.

The next round is in Austin, United States, on April 13.

• *Bradley Smith missed out on an impressive finish after crashing out of the MotoGP opener in Qatar (Picture courtesy of Tech3)*

Sport Bites

Henley lose

HENLEY Hawks recent upturn in form in the SSE National League 1 came to a stop last Saturday, as they lost 22-18 to Blackheath.

Chinnor RFC were also beaten at the weekend, losing their League 2 South fixture against Southend 27-25.

Elsewhere, there was a shock in the South West 1 East, as Oxford Harlequins lost 29-25 to Grove for only their second loss of the season, while Witney beat Marlow 31-13.

Stars' victory

OXFORD City Stars enjoyed an entertaining win over Bristol Pitbulls in the National Ice Hockey League 2 last Saturday, winning the match 9-6.

A hat-trick from Michael Whillock, two goals from Alan Green and one each for Joshua Oliver, Nick Oliver, Darren Elliott and James Pentecost helped Stars to the win.

They remain one point behind league leaders Slough Jets, who are their next league opponents on April 6.

Mixed results

THERE were mixed fortunes for Oxford's hockey teams last weekend, with a win and a loss for University in their two games, while Hawks lost their only match last Saturday.

University started the weekend with a 5-2 defeat against South League Premier 1 leaders Chichester, before beating Eastbourne 3-0 the following day.

Hawks meanwhile lost 5-2 away to London Wayfarers and are eighth in the standings, four places behind University.

Racer Plato targets BTCC title triumph

AFTER coming close to the British Touring Car Championship title last year, Oxford's Jason Plato will be hoping to go one better as the 2014 season gets underway at Brands Hatch this weekend.

Plato has finished third in the standings for the past three years, winning eight of the 30 races in 2013.

He last won the title in 2010, and is expected to be in contention once again this year.

"We've done two years of this project now, we're starting the third and we're better prepared than we ever have been," said Plato.

"We've spent time in the off season trying to understand the car, but we have that information now and we also have a good wet setup too, which had previously been a big Achilles heel for us."

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Didcot's resurgence continues, but boss wants team to step it up

CONCANNON CALLS FOR IMPROVEMENT

DIDCOT Town's joint manager Ian Concannon says his side will have to up their game when promotion-pushing Cirencester Town visit Loop Meadow this Saturday.

A Jack Longford brace, either side of a rare Sam Elkins goal, helped Diddy to a narrow 3-2 win over second from bottom Guildford City last weekend.

However, in light of their performance against Wimborne four days earlier, Diddy's manager felt his side could have acquitted themselves better.

"We will need to seriously up our game against Cirencester," said Concannon.

"If our level of performance is anything like last Saturday then we will be beaten.

"Cirencester are not as good as Merthyr, in my opinion, but they are second in the table for a reason.

"They are going to be hard to beat, well organised and well drilled.

"If we match that then we will have a chance."

Didcot have taken 15 points from their last eight games, including back-to-back victories at home.

The Railwaymen are currently 14th in Division One South & West with 41 points, and started well against relegation-threatened Guildford.

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Longford, playing as a make-shift striker in place of the injured Pablo Haysham, gave Diddy the lead after just 23 seconds, heading home Ben Whitehead's cross.

However, the visitors were level on 17 minutes when Ben Walshe rifled home from the edge of the area.

Diddy were soon back in front as Elkins fired home from a tight angle and Longford grabbed his second on 38 minutes.

Against the wind, Diddy were on the back foot for most of the second half and Guildford set up a nervy finish when Joel Greaves fired past James Foster on 83 minutes.

The visitors could have grabbed a point but Foster denied Nuno Pereira as the winger raced through on goal.

With Haysham still a slight doubt for Saturday, Concannon was pleased with Longford's contribution.

"He's a big lad and good in the air, scored two great goals and I thought his performance was good," he said.

"Jack's done himself no harm whatsoever."

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• *John Mills holds off Jordan Taylor during Didcot's victory over Guildford last weekend (Picture by Roger Neal)*

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